

Postal Service Summary
39 CFR Part 111
Balloting Materials Postage

The USPS has adopted two new requirements as of October 7.

1. Ballot materials of all types, hard copy or electronic, must list the exact amount of First Class postage required to return the voted ballot.
2. The return envelope must be marked with instructions to add postage, such as “First-Class Mail postage must be applied,” or “Apply First-Class Mail postage here”

Requirements do not apply to:

- Military and Overseas ballots
- Business Reply Mail
- Ballots with guaranteed return postage through a postage due account
- Ballots with prepaid postage

If your ballots do not fall into one of these categories, confirm the exact return postage prior to each election and include it in your ballot materials.

Electronic ballots, sent to non-UOCAVA voters, must also include the return postage requirements. Determine the amount of postage required if the ballot is printed and returned as instructed. The Postal Service recommends an additional message such as, “Please be sure to affix the correct amount of First-Class Mail postage when returning ballots through the U.S. Mail.”

More information is on the [USPS website](#).